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¶1. (SBU) PolOff delivered reftel demarche on UN Third Committee Resolutions to Irene Cardona, Director of Multilateral Policy at the Foreign Ministry, on November 8. PolOff followed up November 10 with Cardona, who said that she had sent a memo to Foreign Minister Mario Fortin and would follow-up with him. PolOff followed-up again with Cardona on November 14 and she indicated that GOH would support the resolutions on Iran and North Korea but that FM Fortin had not taken any decision on the remaining countries. PolOff also emphasized that GOH oppose any "no action" motion on the Iran resolution.

¶3. (SBU) PolChief spoke the evening of November 14 with Vice Foreign Minister Juan Antonio Lara Bueso FM on the same issue. The Vice FM reiterated the GOH position in support of the Iran and North Korea resolutions and stated that the GOH, as in the past, continued to opposed no action motions on principle. He also reiterated the GOH had not yet taken a position on the other country-specific resolutions.

¶4. (SBU) Comment: Post notes that the GOH's abstention in 2004 on the Iran resolution was due to miscommunication between the MFA and the Honduran Mission to the UN according to Fortin, back when he was Vice FM, and that at the time Fortin assured PolOff that the mistake would not happen again. End Comment.

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